

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 29, 2006**

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Veterinary Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, by Camilo de Guzman, DVM, Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room One, at the Department of Health, Center Point Corporate Park, 20435 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Kent, Washington, 98032.

**BOARD MEMBERSPRESENT:**

Camilo de Guzman, DVM, Chair  
Linda Crider, DVM  
William Keatts, DVM  
Willard Nelson, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bonnie King, Director, Health Professions Quality Assurance  
Melissa Burke-Cain, Assistant Attorney General  
Karen Jensen, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Lisa Salmi, Acting Executive Director  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Candace Joy, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association  
Deb Cofer, Washington State Veterinary Technician Association

**ORDER OF AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION: 9:00 A.M.**

1. **Call to Order - Camilo O. de Guzman, DVM, Chair**
  - 1.1 Approval of Agenda  
The agenda was approved as written
  - 1.2 Approval of June 2006 Minutes  
The minutes of the June 5, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **2. Disciplinary Process Update**

Karen Jensen, Supervision Staff Attorney, gave an update on monitoring and enforcement of compliance cases, sanction guidelines and an overview of Substitute House Bill 2974.

## **REPORTS:**

### **3. Camilo O. de Guzman, DVM, Chair**

Dr. de Guzman reported that the Department of Health will host the Annual Board/Commission/Committee Meeting on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a program on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> for Board and Commission leadership followed by a dinner and evening session open to all board members on Thursday evening. The Friday session will include all Board, Commission and Committee members.

### **4. Lisa Salmi, Acting Executive Director**

Ms. Salmi reported on the following:

- Interviews for the Section Four Executive Director position will be held beginning on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Three candidates are being considered.
- The Pharmacy Board will be seeking assistance from the Veterinary Board of Governors on the issue of distribution of legend drugs from feed stores to farmers. Dr. Nelson suggested that the Department of Agriculture also be consulted.
- A meeting will be held with Mick Oreskovich of the Washington Physician's Health Program to discuss Veterinary Board services.
- Program continues to work with the Office of the Governor to fill Board vacancies.

### **5. Judy Haenke, Program Manager**

- Ms. Haenke provided the budget report including revenue and expenditure for the month ending June 30, 2006.
- Statistical information for the Veterinary Technician National Exam and the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination was provided.

### **6. Delegation of investigation decision making to staff.**

The Board discussed whether to delegate the authority to initiate an investigation when information is received that a licensee may have engaged in unprofessional conduct. This delegation must be authorized by Board rule. Following discussion, the Board moved that it would delegate initial authority to the Case Management Team. The Case Management Team decision would be reviewed and approved by one member of the Board. Staff was directed to move to rulemaking.

**7. Appeal of Petition for Rule Making.**

The board was advised that an appeal of the Board's response to a recent Petition for Rulemaking had been filed with Governor Gregoire. Melissa Burke-Cain, AAG, provided the Board an overview of the appeal process.

**8. Administration of Pre-anesthetic drugs.**

The Board received an inquiry asking whether unlicensed assistants could administer pre-anesthetic drugs by injection. Following discussion, the Board determined that unless it is specifically authorized, an unregistered assistant is not authorized to administer pre-anesthetic drugs.

**9. Signature Delegation**

The Board updated the current signature delegation for disciplinary and rules documents to reflect Acting Executive Director, Lisa Salmi.

**10. Request to recognize graduates of Canadian Veterinary Medical Association accredited veterinary technology programs.**

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has recognized the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) accreditation process of animal health technologists/veterinary technician programs. The AVMA is recommending that states recognize graduates of CVMA accredited veterinary technology programs as eligible for credentialing. The Board asked that more information be made available and that further discussion be deferred to the Board's regular meeting on December 11, 2006.

**11. Proposed new rule on sexual misconduct.**

The Board considered its current draft of New Section, Chapter 246-935 WAC, Standards of Professional Conduct. The new rule defines sexual misconduct by veterinary professions including veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary medication clerks. The Board requested substantive changes to the proposed rule. These changes will be incorporated in the rule which will be prepared for formal hearing. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed rule at the hearing.

**12. RULEMAKING**

**The Board will continue its discussion in proposed rulemaking.**

The Board discussed the following proposed rule making.

The Board recognizes that more time is needed to devote specifically to rulemaking. A rulemaking workshop was scheduled for October 23, 2006. This meeting will be open to the public, but will not include a stakeholder worksession or open session comment period

### **12.1 Education and examination requirements:**

The Board continued its discussion on whether to accept the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) for applicants trained in non-accredited schools and colleges. Following review of the information provided, the Board requested a telephone conference with representatives from PAVE and ECFVG for its worksession on October 23, 2006. Staff will work with the Board to develop questions for this telephone conference and will contact PAVE and ECFVG to arrange for the call.

## **PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

Bonnie King, Director of Health Professions Quality Assurance, presented an update on the Health Systems Quality Assurance Organizational Realignment.

## **RULEMAKING (CONTINUED)**

### **12.2 Patient abandonment and facilities and practice management.**

Discussion of the following rules was deferred to the Board's October 23, 2006, Rule Worksession.

WAC 246-933-060 Patient abandonment

WAC 246-933-310 Definitions.

WAC 246-933-320 General requirements for all veterinary medical facilities.

WAC 246-933-330 Minimum physical facilities.

WAC 246-933-340 Practice Management.

### **12.2 Continuing education requirements.**

Discussion of the following rules was deferred to the Board's October 23, 2006, Rule Worksession

WAC 246-933-401 Citation and purpose. .

WAC 246-933-420 Basic requirement—amount.

WAC 246-933-440 exceptions.

WAC 246-933-450 Qualification of program for continuing education credit.

WAC 246-933-460 Programs approved by the veterinary board.

### **12.4 Animal health care tasks.**

The Board considered draft language for a definition of "suturing" submitted by Dr. Willard Nelson. Following discussion the Board agreed that a rule should move forward allowing suturing by registered veterinary technicians only as defined by the rule and only under direct supervision.

The Board agreed to move forward with this portion of the rulemaking process as it relates to WAC 246-935-050. Staff will prepare and file any required documents for the Board's continued overall review of WAC 246-935-050.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Camilo de Guzman, DVM, Chair